

*Clare Mount
Specialist Sports
College
Newsletter*

February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We may only be half way through the school year but we are already planning for September 2019 as pupils transition to 6th Form, College or Employment. Our 'Next Steps' event held in January was a resounding success, giving our students and their families the opportunity to explore a range of college and Post-16 options. Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended and made the event so worthwhile.

Following on from this, we held interviews for our Year 11 pupils wishing to join our Sixth Form. All did exceptionally well and as parents / carers you should be very proud of them.

In addition, the Options Evening for parents/carers of Year 9 students took place in January. Further discussions will continue in the Annual Reviews to ensure the right pathway is put in place for your child.

The Youth Connect 5 programme commenced this term, offering parents/carers the opportunity to advance their knowledge, skills and understanding to help their child

develop strong emotional well-being through resilience-building techniques. Feedback for the programme has been very positive and it will continue next term.

Annual Review meetings are in full swing this term providing an ideal opportunity for parents/carers to come in to school so we can share your child's achievements and progress. There is much for parents/carers to be proud of, so please make every effort to attend your child's Annual Review meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank parents/ carers for their support during the recent bad weather. It was challenging keeping the school open given the ice and snow but we made every effort to safeguard pupils and staff on our premises at all times. With escorted transport cancelled for three days I am grateful for the support you gave us in ensuring pupils got to school safely where possible.

Wishing you a relaxing half term holiday.

Kim Webster
Headteacher



A Reminder Regarding School Uniform

All Pupils

Navy blue sweatshirt, plain or with school logo

Pale blue/white shirt

Pale blue/white polo shirt

Navy blue skirt or black trousers- skirt not too short or split

Black sensible school shoes - no slippery soles, trainers or high heels

Plain tights or socks in black/blue/white

A warm and waterproof coat in poor weather

Optional black blazer with school logo

A bag for kit and homework

NOTES

No logos or patterns on clothes, other than the school logo

No make-up or nail polish, extreme haircuts, styles or colours

No jewellery – except for plain ear studs & watches

Girls do not have a summer dress uniform

Pupils must not wear their regular uniform for P.E.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name!

Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students should be dressed smartly as though they were going to work in an office:

Smart suit or dress in black, navy blue or grey

Trousers or skirt in black, navy blue or grey

Smart shirt, polo shirt or blouse

Smart Shoes (no trainers, high heels or flip flops)

Jumper or cardigan in black, navy blue or grey

Coat as appropriate

Natural hair colour

(No jeans, leggings, t-shirts, shorts, football tops, hoodies or tracksuits)

P.E. Kit



PERFORMANCE T
SHIRT



FULL ZIP OR ¼ ZIP TOP



SHORTS



LEGGINGS



TRACKPANTS

Mobile phones and portable devices

Mobile phones and portable devices are to be handed into the school office at the start of each day and collected upon departure. Please note that we cannot be held responsible for any device brought into school.

Holidays in term times

At Clare Mount we follow the Local Authority guidelines, which outline that leave of absence for students in term time may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Further details can be found on the Department of Education website at: www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-holidays-and-term-dates/rules-holidays-term-time

Although holidays can be of great benefit to children and families and tend to be significantly cheaper in term time, taking a child out of school can impair their progress and development. Parents who remove their children from school in term time may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

WHY
CARE
ABOUT

UNIFORM

We care about
UNIFORM because:

We care about **EQUALITY**

We care about **PREVENTING BULLYING**

We care about **STANDARDS OF PRESENTATION**
(and so do employers)

We care about **BELONGING**

We care about **PRACTICALITY**

We care about **BETTER BEHAVIOUR**

We care about **RULES**

We care about **DOING THINGS RIGHT**

We care about **STANDARDS OF WORK**

We care about **IDENTITY**



WHO
REALLY
CARES?

WE DO



Clare Mount is pleased to announce that due to all the hard work by the Rights Respecting Schools Ambassador's group, we have successfully achieved the first stage of UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award. We are now: **Bronze: Rights Committed.**

This means we can now get started working towards the next award with is **Silver: Rights Aware.**

We will be doing this by bringing the Convention on the Rights of the Child to life in not only Life Skills, PSHE and PSD lessons, but throughout all lessons and assemblies.

Well done to the Rights Respecting Ambassadors!!

We will be opening the group up to any student, member of staff and parents/ carers. If any parent/ carer would like to get involved with this group would you please email Mrs Boyle at n.boyle@claremount.wirral.sch.uk

Thank you,

Mrs Webster, Mrs Boyle and Mrs Wilson



Friends of Clare Mount

Please help us with our fund-raising by sending into school your unwanted Christmas gifts, so that we can use them for our Mothers' day table, Summer Fair or Christmas Gifts sales. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

Many thanks.

Come and join us....

The Friends of Clare Mount will be holding a coffee morning Wednesday 27th February 2019 in the Community Café.

If you feel you would like to help with fundraising, please join us.

This year's Mothers' Day table will take place on Thursday 28th March

Basic Bike Maintenance Course

The Basic Bike Maintenance Course has been run in Clare Mount for the past few years, with Geoff Robson and Phil Austin instructing. You may well have met them when they were delivering 'Bikeability'. However, they guys were unable to continue, so I was approached by Mr Keefe, and asked if I could deliver the course and in October 2018 our first course began.



The course is run over 10 sessions, covering basic bike mechanics such as fixing a puncture; adjusting the brakes and gears; splitting a bike chain and re-joining it; and ensuring that the bike is safe to ride on the road. As a reward for their hard work, our students are given the opportunity to ride the bikes outside from the school. We had 7 Year 11 students on the course and I was assisted by Mr Atkins, whom I thank for his support.

Besides teaching bike maintenance, the course contributes towards the DofE Award Scheme and the students receive a certificate on completion. Also, some funding enables the purchase of replacement parts to keep our bikes going.

This was the first course I have delivered in school, and I think we all thoroughly enjoyed it. There is funding to support further courses, and I look forward to delivering them.

Well done to all of our students who have completed the first course.

The next course will commence Friday 1st March 2019.

Mr Cutts



Living History

As part of their study of the First World War, Year 9 have been taking part in some active learning experiences to help them to imagine what life was like in the battlefields of the Western Front. Students have been trying their hand at driving a replica tank, dressing up in the uniform of the time and experiencing the conditions in our very own World War I trench (complete with giant rats!).

Mrs Perry, Miss Grindrod and Mr Jones





Fit Fun Fest

Clare Mount SSC hosted its first ever 'Fit Fun Fest'. The event in January, designed and coordinated by our School Games Organiser, Mrs Corcoran, saw 66 young people from 3 of our partner primary schools (Orrets Meadow, Lingham and Holy Spirit) come together to have fun and learn some new sports and activities.

Each participant experienced some trampolining, box-fit, tennis and zumba and they were helped to enjoy the activities by our brilliant 6th form Sports Leaders and volunteers, our PE teachers Mr Stanley and Mrs Poynton and our partner coaches: Gemma Rigby from @KidsfitWirral and Chris Thelwall from Prenton Tennis Club.

At the end of the afternoon, Mrs Corcoran awarded 6 youngsters a 'Spirit of the Games' award for showing outstanding honesty, teamwork, passion, determination, self-belief and respect! This is the first of 3 Fit Fun Fests planned this year and judging by the response to this one they're set to become a regular feature of Clare Mount's 'Outreach' programme in future years.

Mr Byrne





Kin-Ball

On Thursday 24th September, The Healthy Lifestyle Champions (HLCs) all participated in an introduction to the brilliant sport of Kin-Ball, expertly delivered by Kin-Ball UK's Ryan Joe Martindale at The Hive Youth Zone in Birkenhead.



Kin-Ball, is a team sport created in Quebec, Canada in 1986 in which the main distinctive characteristics are the big size of the ball (1.22 meters in diameter) and that the matches are played by three teams

at the same time instead of traditional one-vs-one like most team games. The International Kin-Ball Federation counts 3.8 million participants, primarily from Canada, the U.S., Japan, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Spain, Germany, Denmark, the Czech Republic, Malaysia and China. The newest country is the UK. Kin-Ball UK formed in 2018.

Our Healthy Lifestyle Champions, who aim to introduce new sports to the students at Clare Mount and our local primary schools, first spotted Kin-Ball on You-Tube before Christmas and immediately said 'we'd love to learn that; it looks like fun!' and they weren't wrong. The sport is brilliant at introducing the concepts of collaboration and tactics because you can only be successful if you all work together as a team to catch the ball. The HLCs will be introducing the sport to other youngsters through our Fit Fun Fests, PE lessons and Community Sport Night.



Mr Byrne

ULTIMATE



On Thursday 17th January the Healthy Lifestyle Champions completed their Foundation Award in Ultimate (Frisbee) under the tutelage of Callum Spiers from UK Ultimate. It was amazing to watch the transformation that all the students went through during the morning. The sport was brand new to all of them and yet, by the end the morning they were all playing successfully and looking forward to sharing their new skills with other young people.



Mr Byrne



Online Free School Meals

REGISTER TODAY AT

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

Go online and complete the form or Visit our Website

or return your forms to the school office as soon as possible.

If you would like any help to complete then please contact the school office: Schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk

Tel: 0151 606 9440



Congratulations!

Sam, from 9A, competed in the North Wales Inter Club Taekwondo Tournament for Wirral and Chester TKD academy recently at Deeside Leisure Centre. Sam competed in the 'Inclusively' Section and won an incredible two Gold medals and one Bronze.

Congratulations Sam!

Well Done!

Ronnie-Ray, from 7O, raised a fantastic £505 for Claire House Children's Hospice by having his head shaved.



Celebrating Success...

If your child has achieved something outside of school, please let us know:

schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk



Next Steps Event 2019

What a Fantastic afternoon and evening we had! 13 different providers and over 200 pupils, parents and carers attended our event, and we had lots of excellent feedback:

“Good Variation of Further Education available”

“Very positive & informative”

“Good information from different colleges. I enjoyed it. Thank you!”



A wide variety of North West colleges, training providers, travel trainers and support services attended and pupils and their families had the opportunity to explore all the different options available to them for life after school.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and pupils for supporting the event and we would like to thank all the providers who took the time out to show our pupils what they can offer.

Miss K Magnall
Career Adviser
& WRL Coordinator



College Open Days & Evenings 2019



Wirral Met College All Four Campuses
Conway Park, Twelve Quays, The Oval & Wirral
Waters Campus
0151 551 7777
Thursday 21st March 2019
4.30pm to 7.00pm
www.wmc.ac.uk



The City of Liverpool College
All City Centre Campuses
Arts Centre, Clarence Street, Duke St,
Learning Exchange & Vauxhall Road
Thursday 7th March 2019, 6pm to 8pm
0151 252 3000 www.liv-coll.ac.uk



Coleg Cambria
Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA
0300 30 30 007
Saturday 10th March 2019
10.00am to 1.00pm
www.cambria.ac.uk

Careers Information at Clare Mount

Miss Katherine Magnall is employed by Wirral Special Schools Collaborative and provides impartial, independent careers advice and guidance to pupils at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. Mrs Linda Evans is the Lead Teacher for Careers and both can be contacted via the school office.

For further information on our careers curriculum please visit the school website.

Term Time Schedule 2018 - 2019

Spring Term

Open	Monday 7 th January 2019
Close for half-term	Thursday 14 th February 2019
Inset day	Friday 15 th February 2019 <i>(school closed to pupils)</i>
Open	Monday 25 th February 2019
Close for Spring Break	Friday 29 th March 2019

Summer Term

Open	Tuesday 15 th April 2019
<i>Closed (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Friday 19th April 2019</i>
<i>Closed (Easter Monday)</i>	<i>Monday 22nd April 2019</i>
<i>Closed (May Day)</i>	<i>Monday 6th May 2019</i>
Close for half-term	Friday 24 th May 2019
Open	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Inset day	Friday 21 st June 2019 <i>(school closed to pupils)</i>
Close for summer	Wednesday 24 th July 2019

NOTE: Easter Weekend (Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April) and Spring Break (Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April) do not coincide.

Term Time Schedule 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Open	Monday 2 nd September to Friday 25 th October
Half-term	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Open	Monday 4 th November to Friday 20 th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January

Spring Term 2020

Open	Monday 6 th January to Friday 14 th February
Half-term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February
Open	Monday 24 th February to Friday 3 rd April
Spring Break	Monday 6 th April to Friday 17 th April

Summer Term 2020

Open	Monday 20 th April to Friday 22 nd May
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Half-term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May
Open	Monday 1 st June to Monday 20 th July

Please note there will be an additional 5 INSET days when school will be closed to pupils.

